

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Diseases of the heart are the nation's leading cause of death, and stroke is the third leading cause of death; and,

Whereas, Cardiovascular diseases (CVD) claim the lives of over 460,000 American females, about one death per minute, each year; and,

Whereas, In 2007, the estimated direct and indirect costs of cardiovascular diseases and strokes in the United States are estimated at \$431.8 billion; and,

Whereas, Only 13 percent of women consider cardiovascular disease their greatest health risk; and,

Whereas, February is designated as American Heart Month; and,

Whereas, Go Red For Women is the American Heart Association's national call to increase awareness about heart disease—the leading cause of death for women—and to inspire women to take charge of their heart health; and,

Whereas, All women should learn their own personal risk for heart disease, using tools such as the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women Heart Checkup and by talking to their healthcare provider:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 2, 2007, as

WEAR RED FOR WOMEN DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fifth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.



M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State